

PATENT APPLICATION

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GRILLING APPLIANCE

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation of application number
10/429,464, filed May 5, 2003, ^{now abandoned} which is a continuation of
application no. 10/130,090, filed October 1, 2002, ^{now abandoned} a national
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Field of the Invention

This invention relates to a grilling appliance and
10 particularly to a portable electric grilling appliance for
household use. More precisely, this invention relates to an
electric household grilling appliance having two heating units
provided with grill plates which, in use, lie one over the other
and form between them a grilling chamber. The two heating units
15 are pivotally connected to one another by a hinge that connects
a back edge of both heating units. To open the grilling
chamber, a handle attached to the uppermost heating chamber can
be raised to pivot the uppermost heating chamber about the hinge,
thereby separating all but the hinged back edges of the heating
20 units from one another. The grilling appliance of this invention
is primarily intended for use as a waffle maker, in which case